

TOWN OF ALTON COMMUNITY SURVEY

MASTER PLAN 2005

Section I. About Alton

1. In the next 5 years, would you like to see the population of Alton:

☐ Decrease ☐ Stay the same ☐ Grow slightly ☐ Grow faster

2. Check (✓) up to 5 of the following that you believe makes Alton a good place to live.

<input type="checkbox"/> a. Small town atmosphere	<input type="checkbox"/> g. Friendly people
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Uncrowded & quiet living conditions	<input type="checkbox"/> h. Community spirit
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Outdoor recreation opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/> i. Scenic, natural environment
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Lakes	<input type="checkbox"/> j. Low taxes
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Proximity to major employment centers	<input type="checkbox"/> k. Other(s) - Please specify: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> f. School system	

3. Check (✓) up to 5 of the following that you believe to be the most serious problems in Alton.

<input type="checkbox"/> a. Lack of housing development	<input type="checkbox"/> h. Lack of community buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Excessive housing development	<input type="checkbox"/> i. Lack of land use control
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Lack of multi-family housing	<input type="checkbox"/> j. Quality of water in Alton Bay
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Traffic/roads	<input type="checkbox"/> k. Lack of public water system
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Lack of industrial development	<input type="checkbox"/> l. Lack of a public sewer system
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Lack of commercial development	<input type="checkbox"/> m. Loss of open space
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Commercial signage	<input type="checkbox"/> n. Lack of affordable housing
	<input type="checkbox"/> o. Other – Please specify: _____

Section II. Conservation

4. For each of the following questions, indicate which you would like to see for Alton. Check (✓) the appropriate box.

	Much Less	A Little Less	The Same	A Little More	Much More	No Opinion/ Don't Know
The level of protection of clean groundwater						
The protection of the quality of Alton's lakes, ponds and streams						
The amount of wetlands protected						
The amount of wildlife habitat protected						
Preservation of open space and woodlands						
Preservation of agricultural land						
Protection of views (i.e., viewsheds)						
Protection of the Belknap Mountains, including Mt. Major						

Please continue ➞

5. In order to protect the natural and historic resources please check (✓) the column that describes your opinion about what Alton should do:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	No Opinion/ Don't Know
a. Accept gifts of land and/or development rights in exchange for conservation rights?						
b. Appropriate money annually for important land conservation purchases?						
c. Require land to be dedicated for town use as part of development approval?						
d. Develop architectural standards for new development in the downtown area?						
e. Identify and develop a plan to protect historical buildings?						

Section III. Land Use and Development

6. Over the next ten years, would you like to see Alton: Check (✓) all that apply.

- ☐ a. Remain primarily a rural residential community
- ☐ b. Encourage development of second homes
- ☐ c. Encourage home occupation/cottage industry
- ☐ d. Encourage commercial development. Please use the comments section below to describe the type of commercial development you would like to see.
- ☐ e. Encourage non-polluting, light industry. Please use the comments section below to describe the type of commercial development you would like to see.
- ☐ f. Encourage outdoor recreation-related businesses
- ☐ g. Encourage tourist-related businesses
- ☐ h. Not encourage any business or industry
- ☐ i. Revitalize the downtown Alton Village area
- ☐ j. Revitalize the Alton Bay area
- ☐ k. Improve town beach facilities

7. Which of the following types of residential development would you like to see in Alton in the future?

Check (✓) all that apply

- ☐ a. Single family residences
- ☐ b. Two family residences
- ☐ c. Conversion of large homes to apartments
- ☐ d. Multi-family apartment buildings
- ☐ e. Condominiums
- ☐ f. Cluster housing with single family homes and /or duplexes on smaller lot areas with the balance of the required lot area preserved as open space
- ☐ g. Manufactured homes on individual lots
- ☐ h. Manufactured homes in parks
- ☐ i. In-law/Accessory apartments
- ☐ j. Affordable housing
- ☐ k. Senior housing

Please continue ➡

8. Where should new commercial or light industrial uses be located? Check the locations for either commercial or industrial development. Please use the comments section below to describe the types of commercial or industrial development.

	Commercial	Industrial	None	No Opinion/ Don't Know
a. Alton Village				
b. Rte. 11, south of Traffic Circle				
c. Rte. 11, north from Traffic Circle to Alton Bay				
d. Rte. 11, north from Alton Bay to Sandy Point				
e. Rte. 11, north from Sandy Point to Rte. 11a				
f. Rte. 11, north from Rte.11A to the Gilford line				
g. Rte. 11A				
h. Rte. 28, south of Traffic Circle				
i. Rte. 28, north from Traffic Circle to Bay Hill Rd.				
j. Rte. 28, north from Bay Hill Rd. to Rte. 28A				
k. Rte. 28, north from 28A to the Wolfeboro line				
l. Rte. 140				

Section IV. Municipal Services

9. Rate the following municipal services. Check (✓) the appropriate box.

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	No Opinion/Don't Know
Police Protection						
Fire Protection						
Road Maintenance						
Road Construction						
Schools						
Library						
Zoning Enforcement						
Parks & Recreation						
Municipal Office Services						
Recreation Facilities						

10. Other comments

Please continue ➞

Section V. About You

11. Age

☐ Under 25 ☐ 26-40 ☐ 41-55 ☐ 56-64 ☐ Over 65 years

12. Resident Status:

☐ Year Round Resident ☐ Non-Resident Property Owner

☐ Other (Please specify): _____

13. If you are a year round resident do you

☐ Rent your home in Alton? ☐ Own your home in Alton?

14. If you are a year round resident, how long have you lived in Alton?

☐ Less than 5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 11-20 years ☐ 21 or more years

15. Education

☐ Less than High School ☐ Some College/Technical ☐ Graduate School

☐ High School Graduate ☐ College Graduate

16. Are you ☐ Male ☐ Female

Please return this anonymous survey by leaving it at Town Hall or by mail by April 15, 2005. If you have any questions about this survey, please call the Alton Planning Department at 875-2162.
Thank you for your help and your interest in Alton's future.

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